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1. The Willy Becker Rolling Mill in Kirchmöser is currently using three rollers which have already deteriorated to such an extent that they can only be re-lathed once more.* Two other worn rollers are being welded at the Schweisswerk Halle and are expected to be completed by the end of April 1952. A new roller from Firma Buch, Weidenau, can be installed only if the second roller belonging to the equipment can be completed.

2. Eisengiesserei Coswig, VEB EFW, accepted the order to cast these two rollers. Because of flaws in the surface which appeared only after casting, the desired 950-millimeter diameter was not obtained; instead, in order to achieve a satisfactory surface, the rollers were lathed to a diameter of 943 millimeters. Another roller cast in the previous month also contained flaws; in the process of welding, the roller broke completely. Another roller, casting of which was scheduled for completion on 22 March 1952, was to be milled at the Ernst Thälmann-Werk, Magdeburg, at the end of March 1952, provided no flaws appeared after the casting process. The Thälmann plant would require two weeks to complete the milling.

3. The following dates have been established for the delivery of rollers from other countries:

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2 rollers	[redacted]	mid-April
1 roller		June
1 roller		July

4 rollers from the USSR: second and third quarters 1952.

No confirmation of the deliveries from the Soviet Union has as yet been received.

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* [redacted] Comment: This presumably refers to the process by which depreciated rollers receive new surfaces.)

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